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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CHANCELLOR ROSKENS OF UNIV. OF NEBRASKA

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1. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA CHANCELLOR ROSKENS AND A PARTY OF 12 (LISTED BELOW) WILL BE TRAVELLING IN THE SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER. THEY ARE ON A TOURIST VISIT, BUT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE "EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE USSR," HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND WILL VISIT MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD UNIVERSITIES. THEY WILL BE IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 27-29. MR. HEIN ON BEHALF OF GROUP HAS INQUIRED THROUGH CONGRESSMAN MC COLLISTER'S OFFICE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE EMBASSY WITH THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE ON DEC 27 OR 29 BETWEEN 3 AND 7 PM, TO ACQUAINT THE GROUP WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS. HE ALSO REQUESTED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE HOTEL ROSSIA.

2. IN OUR INTERIM REPLY TO HEIN, WE HAVE NOTED THE UNCERTAINTY OF AMBASSADOR TOON'S PLANS AND FACT THAT DEPT FUNDS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR ENTERTAINING VISITING AMERICANS. HOWEVER, IT OCCURS TO US HIGH LEVEL OF BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS CHANCELLOR'S PRESENCE MAY PROVIDE USEFUL

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OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNCTION WITH SOVIETS, PERHAPS IN

CONJUNCTION RESIDENT US BUSINESSMEN. PLEASE ADVISE AND
WE WILL PASS TO CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE BY PHONE ANY
TENTATIVE PROPOSAL YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE.

3. CHANCELLOR'S PARTY WILL COMPRISE: CHANCELLOR AND
MRS. ROSKENS; MR. CHARLES HEIN, DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY
RELATIONS; MR. TIM FITZGERALD, PHOTOGRAPHR; MR. AND MRS.
JERRY HARGITT, VICE-PRESIDENT, NORTHWESTERN BELL
TELEPHONE; MR. AND MRS. CHARLES PEEBLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD, BOZELL AND JACOBS INTERNATIONAL, INC.; MR. AND
MRS. JOSEPH SOSHNIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, KIRKPATRICK, PETTIS, SMITH, POLIAN, INC.
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